

Preliminary Amendment
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REMARKS

The specification is amended herein, as in the parent application, U.S. Serial No. 09/217,581, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,284,193 on September 4, 2001. Support for the specification amendments may be found, *inter alia*, in the claims as originally filed in that application. The claims added herein are believed to be fully supported by the specification and/or the claims as originally filed and no new matter is believed to be added by the present amendment.

It is believed that no fees are required in connection with this Preliminary Amendment. If, however, any fees are deemed necessary, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to Deposit Account No. 50-2228. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a request is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that a telephone interview would in advance of the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted

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